

# AMST

## NEWSLETTER



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# REMBRANDT AND THE JEWS

The Berger Print Collection

Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, *Abraham Casting out Hagar and Ishmael*, 1637, 5" x 3.875" (image size),  
etching and drypoint on laid paper

## CERTAIN TIMES OF YEAR TRANSPORT ME DIRECTLY BACK TO MY CHILDHOOD.

My entry into summer always began with finally being allowed to go barefoot. Our household rule stated, "When the outside temperature hits 80 degrees or above, bare feet are allowed." I do not remember ever being told when it reached 80 degrees outside, but I always knew. I was not watching the news and certainly was not looking at a weather app, so maybe it was the smell of freshly cut grass and a backyard barbeque, or the sound of crickets and water splashing that tipped me off. Whatever the signal, I was finally rid of my shoes. Interesting how the loss of one's shoes can give such a feeling of unconventionality and freedom. I looked forward to this turning point each spring and the adventures that awaited me once summer officially arrived.

Here at AMST, we are kicking off our shoes to celebrate the start of a momentous summer.

- Upcoming summer exhibitions include the much-anticipated retrospective *William Wilhelmi: A Crescendo in Clay; Archipelago 15° 7'2" S: TAMU-CC Art + Design Faculty Biennial Exhibition*; and *LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting*.



- Musician Jackie Venson will headline our summer fundraiser, *Heels and Wheels: an artRageous Watergarden Concert*, on Thursday, June 10th. An auto show, drag show, and fashion show, all inspired by the *LUSTER* exhibition, will add to the night's festivities.
- *The Fine Art of Summer Camp* returns with ten exciting sessions that will entertain the youngest art fans through visual and performing arts.
- We have always known we have the best view in town for dining, and this summer you will be able to enjoy dining at our new café, *Elizabeth's at the Museum*, for lunch and dinner!

There is more. There is always more. I encourage you to check our website and follow us on social media for a complete listing of our programming. Our Board of Trustees and Staff present exceptional exhibitions and education programs for our local friends and visiting guests; so, the next time you feel the weather starting to warm up and an urge to remove your shoes to experience creative abandon, I invite you to make AMST a part of your summer memories.

SARA SELLS MORGAN  
AMST Director

### ON THE COVER

William Wilhelmi, *Domed City*, 1970, ceramic and metal, 20.75" x 16" x 13.5", on loan from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughitt Blair

P.S. Unfortunately, shoes are still required when you come for a Museum visit, no matter the temperature outside!  
#PartyPooper



William Wilhelmi, *Azcapotzalco*, 1977, stoneware and tassels, 15" x 7.5" x 4.5", Permanent Collection of the Art Museum of South Texas

### STAFF SELECTION

I am currently crushing on *Azcapotzalco*, by William Wilhelmi. A meticulously detailed cathedral-like structure frames two frolicking monsters set within a temple. Topping this is a minimalist starry sky and delicately woven tassels. This piece pays beautiful homage to Mexico's rich cultural history in true Wilhelmi fashion.

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## MUSEUM INFORMATION • Plan Your Visit

### HOURS

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Additional Hours First Friday (Monthly): 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Holiday Hours Announced Online

### VISITOR ADMISSION

Adults: \$8

Seniors (60+): \$6

Students: \$4

TAMU-CC Students: FREE with ID

Kids 12 and Under: FREE

First Friday of the Month: \$1

# #VISITAMST

Our visitors amaze us with the creative views they capture of AMST. Share your Museum images on social media, too! Tag us in your post or use #visitamst or #artmuseumofsouthtexas for a chance to have your photo featured in our next issue.



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photo by: Lillian Jean Photography

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photo by: Phil Martinez

(bottom) @dlasis  
photo by: Dom Otto Asís



### LOCATIONS

ART MUSEUM OF SOUTH TEXAS  
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Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
361.825.3500  
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www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org

ANTONIO E. GARCIA  
ARTS & EDUCATION CENTER  
2021 Agnes Street  
Corpus Christi, TX 78405  
361.825.3600

# WORKING TOGETHER!

## SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD LITERACY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Though our annual Christmas Tree Forest looked a little different last year, with everyone's hard work, we created a delightful exhibition and a safe event. Even through a pandemic, we exhibited 20 beautifully decorated trees and held a free Family Day for 755 attendees. Thank you to H-E-B for your support and to the Junior League of Corpus Christi for helping every step of the way.



**Helping Here:**



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CORPUS  
CHRISTI**



## INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to the Port of Corpus Christi for helping us adapt to the challenges of the last 12 months. Your support allowed us to continue the tradition of the Visionarios Youth Art Contest and Exhibition, as well as implement a dynamic digital awards presentation for our participants and their families. Your sponsorship also enabled us to provide 54 students with cash prizes and an additional 11 students with honorable mention awards. We look forward to displaying the winning works in the Port's new administrative building later this year.

# VISIONARIOS

## YOUTH ART CONTEST









## IMAGE CREDITS

From left to right:  
William Wilhelmi, American, b. 1939,  
*KBH Boots*, 1984, glazed earthenware,  
gift of the Estate of Kenneth Holmes,  
Corpus Christi, TX

William Wilhelmi, American, b. 1939,  
*Making a Point of Pointillism*, n.d.,  
earthenware, Permanent Collection of the  
Art Museum of South Texas

Previous page:  
William Wilhelmi, American, b. 1939,  
*Banana Leaf Motif Urn*, 1988,  
23" x 13", Collection of Tina and  
Chuck Anastos

# William Wilhelmi

## A Crescendo in Clay

May 28 – November 28, 2021

Chapman, Anderson, Keeler, O'Connor, and Pedrotti Galleries

A self-proclaimed potter, William Wilhelmi's works possess an apparent artistry and an inherent functionality, both of which provide viewers insight into this singular ceramicist. Likewise, Wilhelmi's place within the art community must be viewed through more than one lens. Combining a charmingly rebellious wit with the precision of a perfectionist, Wilhelmi and his work transcend the artist versus crafts-person debate. It is not necessary to know the man to appreciate his work, but knowing "Bill" and being part of a conversation with him makes everything much more fun!

The exhibition, *William Wilhelmi: A Crescendo in Clay*, acts as an introduction to and dialogue with the artist rather than a retrospective. Wilhelmi's influence on the art of our

region and beyond is as strong now as any other time during his 50 years in the Coastal Bend. Referencing world history, art history, literature, and current events, Wilhelmi's work depicts moments in time through a unique visual language filled with myth and humor. In addition to his sculptural work, the exhibition includes video interviews with the artist and images of his studio and public works of art. Navigating these galleries gives viewers the opportunity to enter Wilhelmi's world and connect with an artist who continues to inspire and intrigue.

The Art Museum of South Texas organized this exhibition to present objects and pieces not widely shown before. As a fervently collected artist, Wilhelmi's works are often only seen briefly when first exhibited by the

Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery. Thanks to generous loans from private collectors and donations of objects to the Art Museum of South Texas Permanent Collection, many pieces can be seen together for the first time as bodies of work spanning years and decades. For those not lucky enough to have met the artist yet, Wilhelmi's work and this exhibition are the best introduction to his depth and personality one can receive.

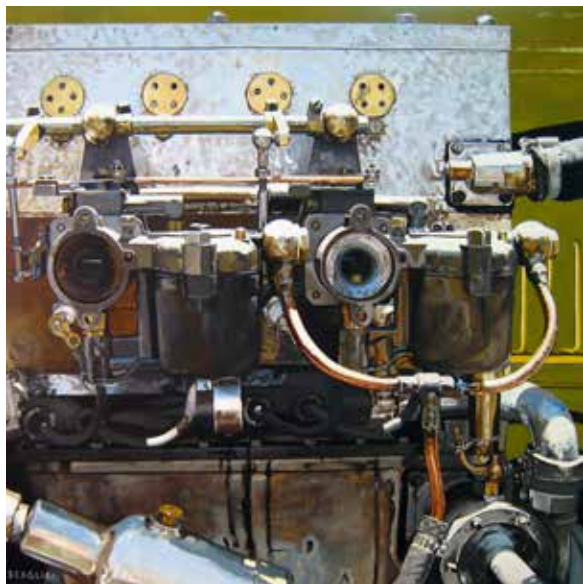
Deborah Fullerton  
AMST Curator of Exhibitions

Exhibition organized by the Art Museum of  
South Texas with funding support from:  
Lynda and Harris Kaffie  
Annette and Mel Klein  
Francis and Felix Tapp  
Martha C. Tompkins









# *Luster*

## *Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting*

May 21 – September 12, 2021

Upper and Mezzanine Galleries

The traveling museum exhibition, *LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting*, is comprised of over 55 paintings by 15 active realists and hyperrealists who specialize in automobiles and motorcycles as their primary subject of choice, in a range of media and scale. Their collective work embodies the very best of automotive painting being done today. It also encompasses a broad range of car and motorcycle styles and design from vintage vehicles of the first half of the Twentieth Century, to the classics of the 1950's and '60's, to road and track racing, off-road vehicles, exotics, and more.

Featuring dazzling paintings that portray a spectrum of vehicles from the first half of the Twentieth Century to the present, *LUSTER* is a celebration of mechanical and artist design and style, the combination of which will have great allure with audiences throughout the United States.

David J. Wagner, Ph.D.  
Presenting Curator/Tour Director

### IMAGE CREDITS

From left to right:  
Ken Scaglia, *Tower of Power* (detail), 2011, acrylic on canvas, 30"x30", collection of the artist

Richard Lewis, *Hispano Suiza Chrome* (detail), 2015, watercolor, 46"x66", collection of the artist

Previous page:  
A.D. Cook, *Indian Summer* (detail), 2000, acrylic on canvas, 48"x36", collection of Mark McAlister

### FEATURED ARTISTS

A.D. Cook	Richard Lewis	Ken Scaglia
Randy Ford	Lory Lockwood	John E. Schaeffer
Allan Gorman	Robert Petillo	Guenevere "Moto Painter" Schvien
Marc G. Jones	Kris Preslan	Harold D. Zabaday
Cheryl Kelley	Joseph Santos	



## 1. ELIZABETH'S OPENING

New Café Opening  
Soon at AMST

Upcoming

AMST, in partnership with Water Street Restaurants, is pleased to announce the opening of Elizabeth's at the Museum. The restaurant will feature tapas-style dining with an elegant atmosphere and Pan-Mediterranean flair. Elizabeth's will host a full bar and plans to be open for lunch dining, dinner service, and after-hours events.

## 2. TEEN ART COUNCIL

Now Accepting  
Applicants

For Grades 9-12

AMST is forming a Teen Art Advisory Council and looking for its first members. Current high school students who have an interest in art, culture, community engagement, and museum work are invited to apply. Council members will work closely with museum staff, local artists, and community leaders to plan programs, events, and other experiences for teens. Please email [AMSTed@tamucc.edu](mailto:AMSTed@tamucc.edu) for more information.

## 3. AMST VIDEOS

Behind the Scenes  
& Virtual Tours

YouTube

The AMST YouTube page continues to feature video gallery tours, previews, lectures, and even poetry readings like Tom Murphy's pictured above. If you want to learn more about an exhibition or cannot visit the galleries in person, we have you covered. Subscribe to our channel so that you never miss a new video. Find our channel by searching "Art Museum of South Texas" in YouTube.

## 4. THIRD THURSDAYS

Beginning in the  
Summer of 2021

5:30 – 9:00 PM

In conjunction with the upcoming opening of Elizabeth's at the Museum, AMST will be hosting evening hours on the third Thursday of every month. Visitors will enjoy free admission, unique activities, performances, and experiences each month. We look forward to seeing you on a Thursday night in the near future! 3rd Thursdays are sponsored by Kleberg Bank. For more information visit our website and follow us on social media.





# Heels & Wheels

## An artRageous Watergarden Concert

Auto Show   —   Drag Show   —   Fashion Show

**HEADLINER: JACKIE VENSON**  
**JUNE 10, 2021 - TICKETS \$50 EACH**

Doors Open at 7:00 PM - Show Ends 10:30 PM

Tickets for Sale Online: [artmuseumofsouthtexas.org](http://artmuseumofsouthtexas.org)

Summer Fundraiser for Art Museum of South Texas  
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# Summer Camp

The Fine Art of Summer Camp 2021  
June 7 to August 6

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER!

From *Hogwarts Americana* to *Camp Comic Con*, we've got something for your young person this summer at the Art Museum of South Texas! With ten different sessions to choose from, each week highlights visual and performing art techniques related to pop culture or exciting educational themes. This format allows children to explore worlds they know and love while bringing them to life through artistic expression.

The camp day runs from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM with pre and after-care available.

For more information, to register, or to apply for scholarships please visit our website and click on the "EDUCATION" tab.

## SESSION THEMES INCLUDE:

Hogwarts Americana	It's a Toy Story
Animation Fascination	The Clayground
Let Off Some STEAM!	Gotta Catch'Em All
Comic & Cartoon Art	Sense-Sational Art
Mine "Craft" Camp	Camp Comic Con

## PRICING PER SESSION

\$175 – Members	\$35 – Pre-Care
\$200 – Non-members	\$45 – After-Care

*Limited Scholarships Available*







# Summer Gifts

Our Refreshed Museum Gift Shop Offers the Best in Art, Design, and Fashion

MEMBERS RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT IN GIFT SHOP

The AMST Gift Shop has something for everyone, from art lovers to cat lovers. In addition to a fresh new mural painted by @justus4all, we are stocked with AMST branded merchandise artfully crafted by @elvtd.screenprinting and @moonstonedpottery. Stop in sometime soon to pick up your next special gift, and if you can't make it in person we now have an online shop for select AMST items.

SHOP ONLINE



[amstapp.com/online-gift-shop](https://amstapp.com/online-gift-shop)



## NEW MUSEUM MEMBERS

12/1/2020 to 3/31/2021

Pearl Abbasinezhad  
Samantha Bell  
Deven Bhakta  
Clarinda Buendia and James Kidd  
Emily Buescher  
Mariana and Jesus De La Rosa  
Rose and Ronald Farah  
Colleen and Devin Freeman  
Stephanie Gallegos  
Vanessa and Demetrio Gonzalez  
Clarissa Gonzalez  
Sheryl Gribbon  
Lyza and Hunter Haigood

Cynthia Hanifen  
Clairissa and Arnulfo Herrera, Jr.  
Connie and Arve Holt  
Brittany Hunter  
Dawn Johnson  
Kari Kimball  
Michael Komblevicz  
Grete and Tim McCoy  
Letisa McKenzie  
Trav and Frank McNiff  
Tiffany and William Nelson  
Suzanne Ochoa  
Shawn-Laree and Daniel O'Neil

Setal and Nilesh Patel  
Nikki and Andrew Riojas  
Lynda and Dennis Robinson  
Sylvia and Eleazar Rodriguez  
Victoria Segovia  
Jamie Speck  
Katherine and Pablo Stecher  
Jane and Gary Swanson  
Jennifer Versaggi-Lambeth  
and Ira Lambeth  
Amanda and Larry Warrenfeltz  
Deborah Wilkins

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Thank you to:

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## EXHIBITIONS

Thank you to:

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## EDUCATION

Thank you to:

Navy Army Community Credit Union

For underwriting AMST Family Days.

## MUSEUM RECOGNITIONS

### AMST RECEIVED

#### TAMMIE Award

Texas Association of Museums

GOLD–Digital Media

for

*Creative Distancing: An Exhibition  
of Community Creativity*

#### Wilder Award

Texas Association of Museums

SILVER–Invitation Campaign

for

*Phantom ARTBall  
2020 We're Over It!*

## 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

### AMST APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT OF

George Baddour  
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Dee Wimbish  
Lea Weingarten  
Carolyn and Lawrence Young





On View

January through April 2022

# TEXAS ARTISTS

Melinda Laszczynski, *Girl Chorus*, 2019, acrylic, iridescent pigments, spray paint, crushed glass, ink, glitter, mica flake, vinyl films, on panel, 12" x 9"

## *Women of Abstraction*

Exhibition organized to celebrate 50 years of AMST in the Singer Building, which regularly houses work by Dorothy Hood, a pioneering Texas abstractionist. This exhibition includes works by Hood and other women artists who examine the world through abstraction.



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